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those of the rest of the state. I ask approval of this amendment as an intended friendly amendment to Senator Goodrich's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I've already raised one objection that I think he's talked to one of the assistant Attorney Generals but he hasn't got it in writing because I want him to ask the Attorney General this. Senator Burrows, the first place before I ask you the question, I want to tell you that it takes a lot of money to have an election in Omaha. It isn't like, where you from. Adams, it isn't like Adams, Nebraska. It would cost us about one hundred thousand dollars to have an election. Thank you so much. On line 6 without prior approval of majority vote of the qualified electors in the area in a primary general and so forth. The same objection that I brought up the other day when I served on the constitution commission, Constitution Revision Commission, this thing was brought up and here you're forcing Omaha and you can ask the attorney about this one, you're forcing Omaha to take all, they have to have the majority vote of the electors. It doesn't say those voting at the election, so all people have to do is stay home and 50 percent of the people go to the polls, lets say 49 percent of the people go to the poll, we'll assume for a moment that the 49 percent of the registered voters that go to the poll and vote yes, we still lose the election. Who you trying to trick on this or don't you know? It's got to be of those voting on the issue, the majority, not on the registered voters. Ask the attorney about that one. If he doesn't know, he better go through the books of the Constitution Revision Commission of about eight years ago.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burrows, are you ready to close debate by way of reply?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes, there is an amendment coming to change it to voting not my amendment but one I am friendly to. I agree with the point he brought out and both amendments that I have presented, have laid on the desk, I did not involve myself with this language. I agree with his point that it should be taken and changed to the people voting in that election. There is an amendment, I'm sure, coming from someone else that will correct this. This amendment to the amendment is merely to make it constitutional. I feel it's a technical amendment in the wording and that is all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Burrow's amendment to Senator Goodrich's amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Are you ready for the question on the Goodrich amendment? The question is, shall the Goodrich amendment as amended pass? Record your vote.